

*At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on the Sixth Day of June, 1770, in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Third, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. and there continued by several Prorogations until the Sixth Day of October, 1774, in the Fourteenth Year of his said Majesty's Reign, being the Second Session of the Fifth General Assembly convened in the said Province.*

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**An Act in further Amendment of an Act, made in the Thirty Second year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act relating to Treasons and Felonies."**

Whereas in and by an act made in the thirty second year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled "An act relating to treasons and felonies," it is among other things enacted, "That offences therein described as in degree of petit larceny, shall be punished by such public whipping as the court before whom such offender shall be convicted shall direct;" and whereas it is thought expedient that the court should have power to order the person convicted of such petit larceny to be imprisoned, or committed to the house of correction, or whipped at the discretion of the court.

Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, council and assembly, that it shall and may be lawful for the court before whom any offender shall be so convicted as of petit larceny, punish such offender by whipping or imprisonment or commitment of such offender to the house correction, there to be put to hard labour, the said imprisonment or commitment to the house of correction not to exceed three months, and within that space for such time as the judges in their discretion shall think fit.